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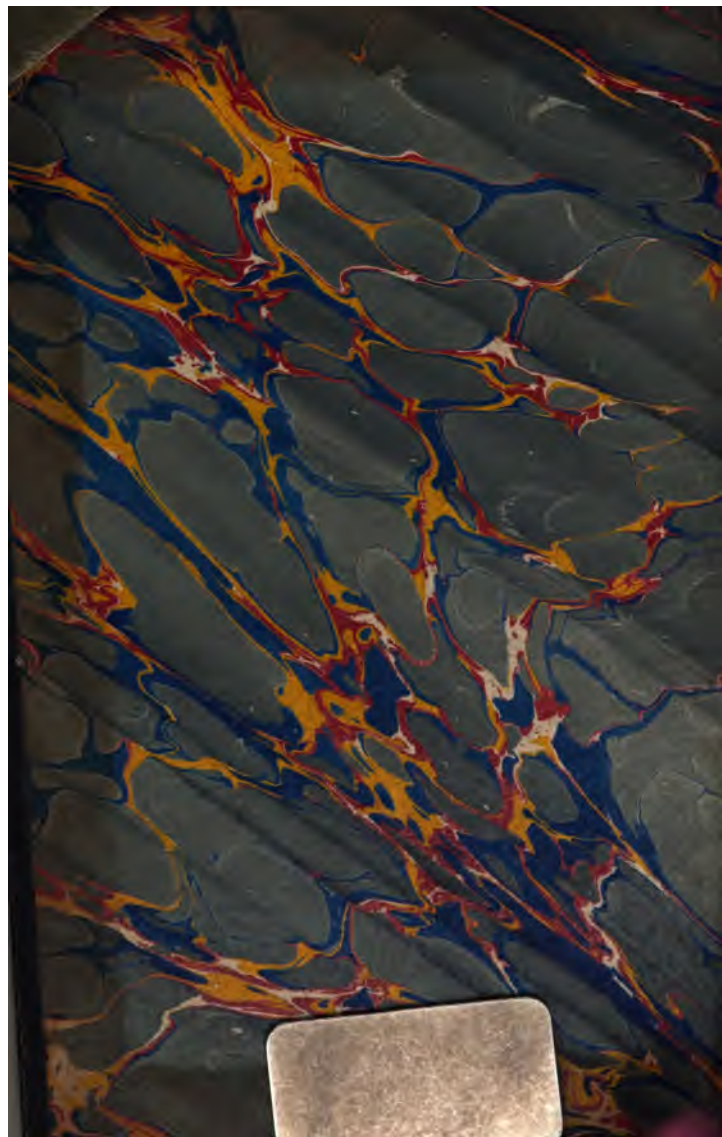
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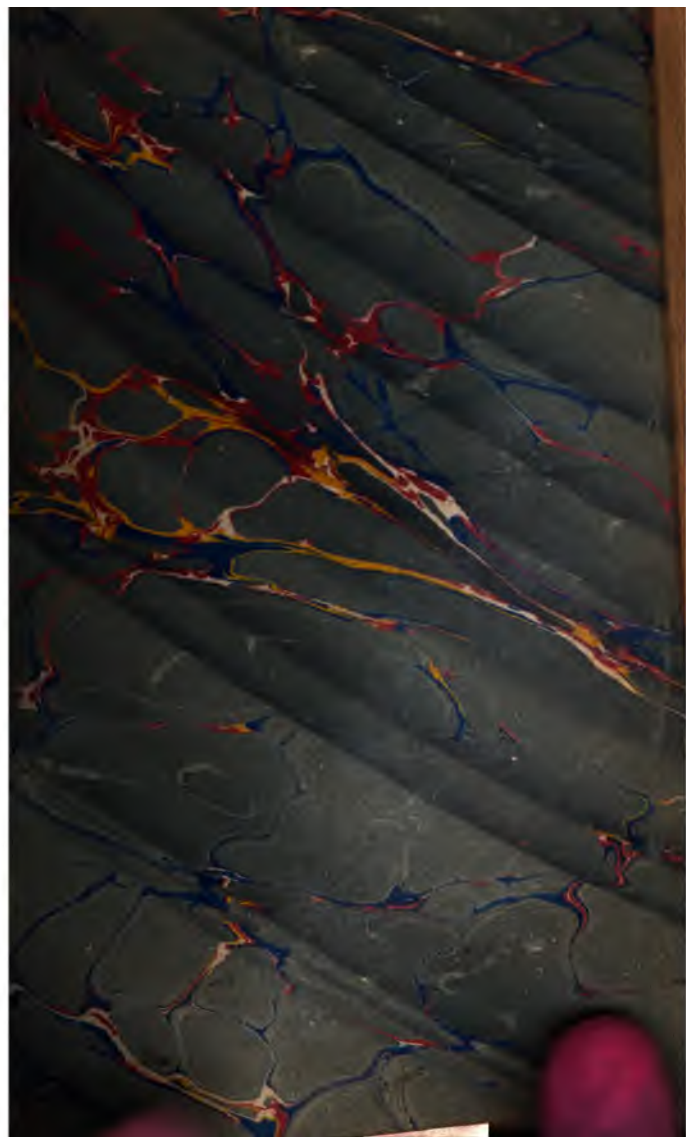
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PREFACE.

THE Plan of the following work, as the title-page bespeaks, was originally formed by the late Mrs. Brunton, the celebrated author of "Self-Controul" and "Discipline." In the *Memoirs of her Life*, published by her husband, Dr. Brunton, he expresses the wish, that "some one of judgment as sound, affections as warm, and piety as ardent, may complete the Selection which she began;" and notwithstanding I feel the deepest sense of my own inferiority in every one of these respects, I have been induced, from the pleasure I took in reading the *Posthumous Works* of this pious and most excellent woman, in which some examples of

her design are given, to try how far I could succeed in filling up the outline she had sketched. I hoped, too, that, with the Sacred Volume for my guide, I could not greatly err. How far Mrs. Brunton's intention has been realised, it is for others to determine. There are some slight deviations from her plan, which, on a comparison, I fear, will not be thought improvements; but, as they are more in the letter than the spirit, I trust they will not be found materially to affect the character of the work, of which I acknowledge, without any false humility, that the merits belong entirely to the highly-gifted person who is no more, while the faults are all my own. But however defective the execution may be, the hours devoted to it have been among the happiest, and, I may add, not the least profitable, of my life.

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PART I. PRAYERS.



HELPS TO DEVOTION,

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PART. I. PRAYERS.

FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

*God is a Spirit, and they that worship him
must worship him in spirit and in truth*
St. John iv. 24.

O THOU that hearest prayer, unto thee
shall all flesh come (a)! Lord, teach
me to pray (b): teach *me* what *I* shall
say unto *thee*; for *I* cannot order *my*

(a) Psalm lxxv. 1.

(b) St. Luke xi. 1.

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speech by reason of darkness (c). Let thy Spirit help mine infirmities; for *I* know not what *I* should pray for as I ought (d). *For* who am I, O Lord God (e), *that I should take* upon me to speak unto thee, which am but dust and ashes (f)? O give unto thy servant an understanding heart (g); pour upon me the spirit of grace and supplication (h); *then* will I pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also (i). Open thou my lips, O Lord, and my mouth shall shew forth thy praise (j).

O Lord, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that

(c) Job xxxvii. 19.

(g) 1. Kings iii. 9.

(d) Rom. viii. 26.

(h) Zech. xii. 10.

(e) 1. Chron. xvii. 16.

(i) 1. Cor. xiv. 15.

(f) Gen. xviii. 27.

(j) Psalm li. 18.

walketh to direct his steps(*k*). O send forth thy light and thy truth; let them lead me; let them bring me to the holy hill, and to thy tabernacles (*l*). Teach me to do thy will, for thou art my God: thy spirit is good, lead me into the land of righteousness, *and* quicken me for thy name's sake (*m*).

Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips (*n*). Make me wise unto that which is good, and simple concerning evil (*o*); holy in all manner of conversation (*p*); slow to speak; slow to wrath (*q*); and guide *my* feet into the way of peace (*r*). Search me, O God, and

(*k*) Jer. x. 23.

(*o*) Rom. xvi. 19.

(*l*) Psalm xliii. 3.

(*p*) 1. Pet. i. 5.

(*m*) — cxliii. 10, 11.

(*q*) James i. 19.

(*n*) — cxli. 3.

(*r*) St. Luke i. 79.

know my heart; try me, and know my thoughts; and see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting (s).

PRAYER FOR THE MORNING.

The sun ariseth: man goeth forth unto his work and to his labour until the evening.
 Psalm civ. 22, 23.

O God, thou art my God, early will I seek thee(a): my voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O Lord; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up(b).

The Lord is *my* keeper: the Lord is my shade upon *my* right hand(c).

(s) Psalm cxxxix. 23, 24. (b) Psalm v. 3.

(a) — lxiii. 1.

(c) — cxxi. 5.

His mercies are new every morning; great is his faithfulness(*d*). I laid me down and slept: I awaked; for the Lord sustained me(*e*). What shall I render to the Lord for all his benefits towards me? I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call upon the name of the Lord(*f*). From the rising of the sun to the going down of the same, the Lord's name is to be praised(*g*).

Withhold thou not thy tender mercies from me, O Lord; let thy loving kindness and thy truth continually preserve me(*h*). Preserve *my* going out and *my* coming in(*i*): cause me to know the way wherein I should walk(*j*), *that I*

(*d*) Lam. iii. 23.

(*g*) Psalm cxliii. 8.

(*e*) Psalm iii. 5.

(*h*) — xl. 11.

(*f*) — cxvi. 12, 17.

(*i*) — cxxi. 8.

(*j*) Psalm cxliii. 8.

may use this world as not abusing it (*k*), remembering that thou, God, seest me (*l*), and that for all these things thou wilt bring me into judgment (*m*).

Bless, Lord, *my* substance, and accept the work of *my* hands (*n*). Keep my tongue from evil, and *my* lips from speaking guile (*o*). Incline my heart unto thy testimonies, and not to covetousness (*p*). *Grant* that *I* may walk worthy of *thee*, O Lord, unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God (*q*): that *I* may study to be quiet, and to do *mine* own business, and to work with *mine* own hands (*r*); not

(*k*) 1. Cor. vii. 31.

(*l*) Gen. xvi. 13.

(*m*) Eccles. xi. 9.

(*n*) Deut. xxxiii. 11.

(*o*) Psalm xxxiv. 13.

(*p*) — cxix. 36.

(*q*) Colos. i. 10.

(*r*) 1. Thes. iv. 11.

slothful, but fervent in spirit, serving the Lord (s).

Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, work in *me* that which is well pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen (t).

PRAYER FOR THE EVENING.

Commune with your own heart upon your bed. Psalm iv. 4.

Unto thee lift I up mine eyes, O thou that dwellest in the heavens (a). Let

(s) Rom. xii. 11. (t) Heb. xiii. 20, 21.

(a) Psalm cxxij. 1.

my prayer be set before thee as incense, and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice (*b*). Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray (*c*): I will remember thee upon my bed, and meditate upon thee in the night watches (*d*).

It is a good thing also to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, O most High: to shew forth thy loving kindness in the morning, and thy faithfulness every night (*e*). I will not give sleep to mine eyes, or slumber to mine eyelids, until (*f*) I *have made* mention of *thy* loving kindness, O Lord, according to all that *thou hast* bestowed on *me* (*g*). Thou hast granted me life and favour, and thy

(*b*) Psalm cxl. 2.

(*c*) ——— lv. 17.

(*d*) ——— lxiii. 6.

(*e*) Psalm xcii. 1, 2.

(*f*) ——— cxxxii. 4.

(*g*) Isaiah lxiii. 7.

visitation hath preserved my spirit (*h*).
Return *then*, unto thy rest, O my soul,
for the Lord hath dealt bountifully
with thee (*i*).

Thou art my lamp, O Lord; O light-
en my darkness (*j*): except thou keep
the city, the watchman waketh but in
vain (*k*). *Thou art* my refuge, and my
fortress; my God, in *thee* will I trust (*l*).
I will lie down, and none shall make
me afraid (*m*); yea, *I will* lie down,
and *my* sleep shall be sweet (*n*): for
the darkness is no darkness with thee,
but the night is as clear as the day;
the darkness and the light to thee are
both alike (*o*). The day is thine; the
night also is thine; thou hast prepared

(*h*) Job x. 12.

(*l*) Psalm xci. 2.

(*i*) Psalm cxvi. 7.

(*m*) Job xi. 19.

(*j*) 11. Sam. xxii. 29.

(*n*) Prov. iii. 24.

(*k*) Psalm cxxvii. 1.

(*o*) Psalm cxxxix. 12.

the light and the sun(*p*): *thou hast* appointed the moon for seasons; the sun knoweth his going down(*q*). In *thy* hand is the soul of every living thing, and the breath of all mankind(*r*); and if this night my soul shall be required of me(*s*), into thine hand I commit my spirit, for thou hast redeemed me, O Lord God of truth(*t*).

PRAYER FOR THE YOUNG.

Come, ye children, hearken unto me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord. Psalm xxxiv. 11.

O THOU who didst suffer little children to come unto *thee*(*a*); *and who*

(*p*) Psalm lxxiv. 16. (*s*) St. Luke xiii. 20.

(*q*) ——— civ. 19. (*t*) Psalm xxxi. 5.

(*r*) Job xii. 10. (*a*) St. Matt, xix. 14.

Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast ordained strength (*b*); who hast chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise, and the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty (*c*), hear the voice of my humble petitions when I cry unto thee, when I hold up my hands towards the mercy-seat of thy holy temple (*d*). Oh that thou wouldest bless me indeed, and that thine hand might be with me, and that thou wouldest keep me from evil, that it may not grieve me (*e*)!

Shew me thy ways, O Lord; teach me thy paths: lead me in thy truth, and teach me (*f*). *Grant that I may remember my Creator in the days of*

(*b*) Psalm viii. 2.

(*d*) Psalm xxviii. 2.

(*c*) 1. Cor. i. 27.

(*e*) 1. Chron. iv. 10.

(*f*) Psalm xxv. 4, 5.

my youth (*g*); *then will He* not cast me off in the time of old age, *nor forsake* me when my strength *faileth* (*h*); *and though* my father and my mother forsake me, the Lord will take me up (*i*).

Give unto me the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit (*j*), *that I may* obey my parents in the Lord (*k*), submit myself unto my elders (*l*), *and dwell* in unity with my brethren (*m*). Lord, deliver me from every evil work, and preserve me unto *thy* heavenly kingdom (*n*): guide me with thy counsel, and afterwards receive me to glory (*o*). Let the words of my mouth, and the

(*g*) Eccles. xii. 1.

(*k*) Eph. vi. 1.

(*h*) Psalm lxxi. 9.

(*l*) 1. Peter v. 5.

(*i*) — xxvii. 10.

(*m*) Psalm cxxxiii. 1.

(*j*) 1. Peter iii. 4.

(*n*) 11. Tim. iv. 18.

(*o*) Psalm lxxiii. 24.

meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer (*p*).

PRAYER FOR THE ADOLESCENT.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge. Prov. i. 7.

*O THOU whose meat it was to do the will of Him that sent thee (*a*), and who wast in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin (*b*), be thou the guide of my youth (*c*). Make me to know the God of my fathers, and to serve him with a perfect heart, and with a willing mind (*d*); to honour my*

(*p*) Psalm xix. 14.

(*b*) Heb. iv. 15.

(*a*) St. John iv. 34.

(*c*) Jer. iii. 4.

(*d*) 1. Chron. xxviii. 9.

father and *my* mother(*e*); to obey them that have the rule over *me*, and submit *myself*(*f*), and to be clothed with humility(*g*): *so that if* the righteous smite me, it shall be a kindness; and *if he* reprove me, it shall be *as* an excellent oil, which shall not break my head(*h*). Remove far from me vanity and lies: give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with food convenient for me: lest I be full and deny thee, and say, "Who is the Lord?" or lest I be poor, and steal, and take the name of my God in vain(*i*). Incline not my heart to any evil thing; for if I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me(*j*). *Grant that I* may flee youthful lusts(*k*), order

(*e*) Exodus xx. 12.

(*h*) Psalm cxli. 5.

(*f*) Heb. xiii. 17.

(*i*) Prov. xxx. 8, 9.

(*g*) 1. Pet. v. 5.

(*j*) Psalm lxvi. 18.

(*k*) 11. Tim. ii. 22.

my conversation aright (*l*), avoid profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called (*m*), and wash my hands in innocency (*n*). *Grant* that from a child *I may know* the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make me wise unto salvation, through faith in thee (*o*); *and* that to faith *I may add* virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness, brotherly kindness, and charity (*p*). *So shall I grow in grace and in the knowledge of thee my Lord and Saviour. To thee be glory both now and for ever. Amen*(*q*).

(*l*) Psalm l. 23.

(*o*) 11. Tim. iii. 15.

(*m*) 1. Tim. vi. 20.

(*p*) 11. Pet. i. 5, 6, 7.

(*n*) Psalm xxvi. 6.

(*q*) ——— iii. 18.

PRAYER FOR THE AGED.

The hoary head is a crown of glory, if it be found in the way of righteousness: Prov. xvi. 31; but the sinner being a hundred years old shall be accursed. Isaiah lxxv. 20.

UNTO thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul (*a*), for from thee cometh my salvation (*b*). O God, thou hast taught me from my youth, and hitherto have I declared thy wondrous works; now also, when I am old and grey headed, forsake me not (*c*). O remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions; but according to thy mercy remember thou me, for thy goodness' sake, O Lord (*d*). For I know that thou wilt bring me to death, and to

(*a*) Psalm xxv. 1. (*c*) Psalm lxxi. 17, 18.

(*b*) — lxii. 1. (*d*) — xxv. 7.

the house appointed for all living(*e*).
 What is my strength, that I should
 hope! and what is mine end, that I
 should *seek to* prolong my life(*f*)! My
 strength faileth me: as for the light of
 mine eyes, it is also gone from me(*g*):
 the joints of *my* loins are loosed, *my*
 knees smite one against the other(*h*),
and I go to the gates of the grave(*i*).
 Behold thou hast made my days as an
 handbreath, and mine age is as nothing
 before thee(*j*); for a thousand years
 in thy sight are but as yesterday when
 it is past, and as a watch in the night(*k*).
 Our days on the earth are as a shadow,
 and there is none abiding(*l*); our life
 is even as a vapour, that appeareth for a

(e) Job xxx. 23.

(i) Isaiah xxxviii. 10.

(f) — vi. 11.

(j) Psalm xxxix. 5.

(g) Psalm xxxviii. 10.

(k) — xc. 4.

(h) Dan. v. 6.

(l) 1. Chron. xxix. 15.

little time, and then vanisheth away (*m*).
 Who can say, "I have made my heart
 clean, I am pure from my sin (*n*)?" Few
 and evil have the days of the years of
 my life been (*o*). But mine eyes are
 unto thee, O God the Lord; in thee is
 my trust, leave not my soul destitute (*p*).
 O how great is thy goodness which
 thou hast laid up for them that fear
 thee: which thou hast wrought for
 them that trust in thee before the sons
 of men (*q*)! *I will* give glory to the
 Lord my God, before he cause dark-
 ness, and before my feet stumble upon
 the dark mountains (*r*). *Lord*, let me
 die the death of the righteous, and let
 my last end be like his (*s*)! *O* let thy

(*m*) James iv. 14.

(*p*) Psalm cxli. 8.

(*n*) Prov. xx. 9.

(*q*) — xxxi. 19.

(*o*) Gen. xlvii. 9.

(*r*) Jer. xiii. 16.

(*s*) Numb. xxiii. 10.

servant depart in peace, and *let* mine eyes *see* thy salvation(*t*); *that* when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, Death may be swallowed up in victory through our Lord Jesus Christ(*u*). Even so come, Lord Jesus(*v*).

CONFESSION OF SIN AND PRAYER FOR
PARDON.

*He that covereth his sins shall not prosper :
but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them
shall have mercy. Prov. xxviii. 13.*

HEAR me when I call, O God of my righteousness (*a*); hearken unto the voice of my cry, my King and my

(*t*) St. Luke ii. 29, 30. (*v*) Rev. xxii. 20.

(*u*) 1. Cor. xv. 54, 57. (*a*) Psalm iv. 1.

God: unto thee will I pray (*b*); hide not thyself from my supplication (*c*); in thy faithfulness answer me, and in thy righteousness; and enter not into judgment with thy servant, for in thy sight shall no man living be justified (*d*).

O my God, I am ashamed and blush to lift up my face unto thee (*e*), *for* thou art of purer eyes than to behold evil, and canst not look upon iniquity (*f*); yea, the heavens are not clean in *thy* sight (*g*); and the angels *thou* chargest with folly (*h*). How then shall man be just with God (*i*)? Behold, I am vile! what shall I answer thee (*j*)? I have sinned! what shall

(*b*) Psalm v. 2.

(*f*) Hab. i. 13.

(*c*) ——— lv. 1.

(*g*) Job xv. 15.

(*d*) ——— cxliii. 1, 2.

(*h*) — iv. 18.

(*e*) Ezra ix. 6.

(*i*) — ix. 2.

(*j*) Job xl. 4.

I do unto thee, O thou preserver of men (*k*)? I will yet be more vile, and will be base in mine own sight (*l*). For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me, but how to perform that which is good, I find not. For the good that I would, I do not, but the evil which I would not, that I do (*m*). For thy name's sake, O Lord, pardon mine iniquity, for it is great (*n*). I have gone astray like a lost sheep (*o*). Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am weak; O Lord, heal me, for my soul is vexed. Return, O Lord, deliver my soul; O save me for thy mercy's sake (*p*). Who can tell how oft he offendeth? O cleanse thou

(*k*) Job vii. 20.(*n*) Psalm xxv. 16.(*l*) 11. Sam. vi. 22.(*o*) — cxix. 176.(*m*) Rom. vii. 18, 19.(*p*) — vi. 2, 3, 4.

me from my secret faults. Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins, lest they get the dominion over me* (*q*). Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me: cast me not away from thy presence, and take not thy holy spirit from me. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise (*r*).

Hear my prayer, O Lord, and let my cry come unto thee (*s*): *even* hear thou in heaven thy dwelling place; and when thou hearest forgive (*t*).

Now unto God, who so loved the

(*q*) Psalm xix. 12, 13 (*s*) Psalm cii. 1.

(*r*) — li. 10, 11, 17. (*t*) i. Kings viii. 30.

* The Psalms from the Liturgy are sometimes adopted, instead of the Bible translation.

world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life(*u*): *and to Christ Jesus, who came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief(v), be glory for ever and ever. Amen(w).*

ANOTHER.

I will declare mine iniquity, I will be sorry for my sin. Psalm xxxviii. 18.

O LORD God of heaven, the great and terrible God, that keepeth covenant and mercy for them that love him and observe his commandments, I beseech

(*u*) St. John iii. 16. (*v*) 1. Tim. i. 15.

(*w*) 11. Tim. iv. 18.

thee, let thine ear now be attentive, and thine eyes open, that thou mayest hear the prayer which I pray before thee, *confessing* the sins which *I* have sinned against thee (*a*).

I have sinned, and have committed iniquity, and have done wickedly, and have rebelled, even by departing from thy precepts, and from thy judgments (*b*). Against thee have I sinned, and done evil in thy sight (*c*); for I have not walked in thy ways, neither have been obedient unto thy law (*d*): wherefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes (*e*).

O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive (*f*); be merciful to me a sinner (*g*); for if

(*a*) Neh. i. 5, 6.

(*d*) Isaiah xlii. 24.

(*b*) Dan. ix. 4.

(*e*) Job xlii. 6.

(*c*) Psalm li. 4.

(*f*) Dan. ix. 12.

(*g*) St. Luke xviii. 13.

thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss, O Lord, who may abide it (*h*)? Mine iniquities are gone over my head, and are like a sore burden, too heavy for me to bear (*i*). If I justify myself, mine own mouth shall condemn me; if I say I am perfect, it shall also prove me perverse (*j*). Be not wroth very sore, O Lord, neither remember iniquity for ever (*k*). Have mercy upon me, according to thy loving kindness, according to the multitude of thy tender mercies, blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness, and cleanse me from my sin (*l*). Turn thou me, and I shall be turned (*m*). Have respect unto the prayer of thy servant, O

(*h*) Psalm cxxx. 3.(*k*) Isaiah lxiv. 9.(*i*) — xxxviii. 4.(*l*) Psalm li. 1, 2.(*j*) Job ix. 20.(*m*) Jer. xxxi. 18.

Lord my God (*n*), for there is forgiveness with thee (*o*); hold not thy peace at my tears (*p*). *Thou art* nigh unto them that are of a broken heart, and savest such as be of a contrite spirit (*q*): it is of *thy* mercy that I am not consumed, because *thy* compassions fail not (*r*). O let my soul live, and it shall praise thee (*s*).

Now unto Him who is able to keep us from falling, and to present us faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy (*t*); *and* unto Him who has washed us from our sins in his own blood, be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen (*u*).

(*n*) 1. Kings viii. 28.

(*r*) Lam. iii. 22.

(*o*) Psalm cxxx. 4.

(*s*) Psalm cxix. 175.

(*p*) — xxxix. 12.

(*t*) Jude — 24.

(*q*) — xxxiv. 18.

(*u*) Rev. i. 5, 6.



PRAYER FOR ONE DEPRIVED OF AN OPPORTUNITY OF ATTENDING ON THE PUBLIC OFFICES OF RELIGION.

Blessed are they that dwell in thy house.

Psalm lxxxiv. 4.

How amiable are thy tabernacles, O Lord of Hosts! My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the Lord, my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God(a): *even* as the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God: when shall I come and appear before thee(b)? My soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is; to see thy power and thy glory, so as I have

(a) Psalm lxxxiv. 1, 2. (b) Psalm xlii. 1, 2.

seen thee in the sanctuary(c). *But I* am cast out of thy sight(d); the day of the Lord is darkness and not light, even very dark, and no brightness in it(e). *Thou hast* sent a famine, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord(f): *for* man doth not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God(g).

Oh that I were as in months past, as in the days when God preserved me; when his candle shined upon my head, and when by his light I walked through darkness(h)! O that I had wings like a dove! then would I flee away and be at rest(i): then *would I*

(c) Psalm lxiii. 1, 2. (f) Amos viii. 11.

(d) Jonah ii. 4. (g) St. Mat. iv. 4.

Amos v. 18, 20. (h) Job xxix. 2, 3.

(i) Psalm lv. 6.

go unto the altar of God, unto God *my* exceeding joy(*j*): I would take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord: I *would* pay my vows unto the Lord in the presence of all his people, in the courts of the Lord's house(*k*).

Now, therefore, O my God, hear the prayer of thy servant, and cause thy face to shine upon *me* *in* thy sanctuary. O my God, incline thine ear and hear, open thine eyes, and behold my desolation(*l*). Shew me some token for good(*m*): lift thou up the light of thy countenance upon me(*n*); strengthen the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees(*o*): open to me the gates of righteousness, *that I may* go into them,

(*j*) Psalm xliii. 4.

(*m*) Psalm lxxxvi. 17.

(*k*) — cxvi. 13, 18, 19.

(*n*) — iv. 6.

(*l*) Dan. ix. 17, 18.

(*o*) Isaiah xxxv. 3.

and praise the Lord (*p*), with the voice of joy and praise, with *the* multitude that keep holyday (*q*): for a day in thy courts is better than a thousand (*r*). Whom have I in heaven but thee? and there is none upon earth that I desire beside thee. My flesh and my heart faileth: *be thou* the strength of my heart and my portion for ever (*s*).

PRAYER IN AFFLICTION.

Come, and let us return unto the Lord: for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up. Hos. vi. 1.

HAVE mercy upon me, O Lord, for I

(*p*) Psalm cxviii. 19. (*r*) Psalm lxxxiv. 10.
 (*q*) ——— xlii. 4. (*s*) ——— lxxiii. 25, 26.

am in trouble(*a*); turn thee unto me, and have mercy upon me, for I am desolate and afflicted(*b*). My soul melteth for heaviness(*c*); the joy of my heart is ceased(*d*): fearfulness and trembling are come upon me; and an horrible dread hath overwhelmed me(*e*).

O Lord, rebuke me not in thy wrath, neither chasten me in thy hot displeasure; for thine arrows stick fast in me, and thy hand presseth me sore(*f*). O Lord, correct me, but with judgment; not in thine anger, lest thou bring me to nothing(*g*). Be merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me, for my soul trusteth in thee; yea, in

(*a*) Psalm xxxi. 9. (*d*) Lam. v. 15.

(*b*) — xxv. 16. (*e*) Psalm lv. 5.

(*c*) — cxix. 28. (*f*) — xxxviii. 1, 2.

(*g*) Jer. x. 24.

the shadow of thy wings will I make my refuge, until these calamities be overpast(*h*). From the end of the earth will I cry unto thee, when my heart is overwhelmed: lead me to the rock that is higher than I(*i*). For thou *art* a strength to the poor, a strength to the needy in distress; a refuge from the storm, a shadow from the heat(*j*), a very present help in trouble(*k*).

The Lord maketh sore, and bindeth up: he woundeth, and his hands make whole(*l*): though he cause grief, yet will he have compassion, according to the multitude of his mercies(*m*). Why then art thou cast down, O my soul, and why art thou disquieted within

(*h*) Psalm lvii. 1.

(*k*) Psalm xli. 1.

(*i*) — lxi. 2.

(*l*) Job v. 18.

(*j*) Isaiah xxv. 4.

(*m*) Lam. iii. 33.

me? hope thou in God, for I shall yet praise him, who is the health of my countenance; and my God(*n*).

RESIGNATION IN AFFLICTION.

Truly this is a grief, and I must bear it.
Jer. x. 19.

O God, thou hast proved *me*; thou hast tried *me*, as silver is tried: thou hast laid affliction upon me(*a*). My soul is bowed down to the dust(*b*); *it* is humbled within me(*c*): my purposes are broken off, even the thoughts of my heart(*d*). I am consumed by the blow of thine hand, *yet must I be*

(*n*) Psalm xlii. 11. (*b*) Psalm xliv. 25.

(*a*) — lxvi. 10, 11. (*c*) Lam. iii. 20.

(*d*) Job. xvii. 11.

dumb, and open not my mouth because thou didst it(*e*). For thou art righteous, O Lord, and upright are thy judgments(*f*); just and true are all thy ways, thou King of Saints(*g*). Who *am I*, that *I should* reply against thee? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it, "Why hast thou made me thus(*h*)?" I am purposed that my mouth shall not transgress(*i*). It is the Lord, let him do what seemeth him good(*j*)! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right(*k*)?

Behold *I* come unto thee, for thou art the Lord *my* God(*l*): though I walk in the midst of trouble, thou wilt receive

(*e*) Psalm xxxix. 10.

(*f*) — cxix. 137.

(*g*) Rev. xv. 3.

(*h*) Rom. ix. 20.

(*i*) Psalm xvii. 3.

(*j*) 1. Sam. iii. 18.

(*k*) Gen. xviii. 25.

(*l*) Jer. iii. 22.

me(*m*). *Thou upholdest* all that fall, and raisest up all those that be bowed down(*n*): *thou healest* the broken in heart, and *bindest* up their wounds(*o*). *I will be patient* in tribulation(*p*), *knowing* that through much tribulation we must enter the kingdom of God(*q*), *and that* our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory(*r*). For the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us(*s*), *when* there shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain; for God himself shall be with

(*m*) Psalm cxxxviii. 7. (*p*) Rom. xii. 12.

(*n*) ——— cxlv. 14. (*q*) Acts xiv. 22.

(*o*) ——— cxlvii. 3. (*r*) II. Cor. iv. 17.

(*s*) Rom. viii. 18.

us, and shall wipe away all tears from *our eyes*(*t*). Amen; Alleluia(*u*!)

PRAYER ON THE DEATH OF A RELATIVE
OR FRIEND.

*Son of man, behold, I take away from thee
the desire of thine eyes with a stroke. Ez.
xxiv. 16.*

O God, the God of the spirit of all
flesh(*a*), *thou* killest and makest alive,
thou bringest down to the grave, and
bringest up(*b*): *thou* takest away, who
can hinder thee? who will say unto
thee, "What doest thou(*c*)?" Thou
sendest forth thy spirit, *we* are created:

(*t*) Rev. xxi. 3, 4.

(*a*) Numb. xvi. 22.

(*u*) — xix. 4.

(*b*) 1. Sam. ii. 6.

(*c*) Job ix. 12.

thou takest away *our* breath, *wedie*(*d*); then the dust *returneth* to the dust as it was, and the spirit unto God who gave it(*e*).

O Lord, I have seen affliction by the rod of thy wrath(*f*). My soul cleaveth unto the dust(*g*): my heart is smitten and withered like grass, so that I forget to eat my bread(*h*); mine eyes run down with tears night and day(*i*); for the thing which I greatly feared is come-upon me, and that which I was afraid of is come unto me(*j*).

I know, O Lord, that thy judgments are right, and that thou in faithfulness hast afflicted me(*k*): for thou dost not afflict willingly, nor grieve

(*d*) Psalm civ. 30, 29. (*h*) Psalm cii. 4.

(*e*) Eccles xii. 7. (*i*) Jer. xiv. 17.

(*f*) Lam. iii. 1. (*j*) Job. iii. 25

(*g*) Psalm cxix. 25. (*k*) Psalm cxix. 95.

the children of men. Wherefore then shall a living man complain? a man for the punishment of his sins(*l*)? I will lay mine hand upon my mouth(*m*), for this is the Lord's doing(*n*). I will bear the indignation of the Lord, because I have sinned against him(*o*); *I will* not despise the chastening of the Almighty(*p*); for whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth(*q*). Shall we receive good at the hand of the Lord, and shall we not receive evil(*r*)? The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away: blessed be the name of the Lord(*s*)!

(*l*) Lam. iii. 33, 39.

(*m*) Job xl. 4.

(*n*) Psalm cxviii. 23.

(*o*) Micah vii. 9.

(*p*) Job vi. 17.

(*q*) Heb. xii. 6.

(*r*) Job ii. 10.

(*s*) — i. 21.

PRAYER IN SICKNESS.

*Humble yourselves under the mighty hand of
God. 1. Peter v. 6.*

UNTO thee will I cry, O Lord, my
Rock; be not silent to me; lest if
thou be silent to me, I become like
them that go down into the pit(*a*).
Consider, and hear me, lighten mine
eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death(*b*).
For the arrows of the Almighty are
within me, the poison whereof drink-
eth up my spirit(*c*). There is no
soundness in my flesh, because of thine
anger; neither is there any rest in my
bones, because of my sin(*d*). *Thou
hast given me a trembling heart, and*

(*a*) Psalm xxviii. 1.

(*c*) Job vi. 4.

(*b*) — xiii. 3.

(*d*) Psalm xxxviii. 3.

sorrow of mind; and my life hangeth in doubt before *me*. In the morning *I* say, "Would God it were even!" and at even, "Would God it were morning(*e*)!" O Lord, thou knowest: remember and visit me(*f*). Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved(*g*): for with thee is the fountain of life; in thy light shall we see light(*h*). Let, I pray thee, thy merciful kindness be for my comfort; *and* let thy tender mercies come unto me, that I may live(*i*): nevertheless, not my will, but thine be done(*j*). It is not for *me* to know what the Father hath put in his own power(*k*); *but this* I know, that all

(*e*) Deut. xxviii. 65, 66, 67. (*h*) Psalm xxxvi. 9.

(*f*) Jer. xv. 15.

(*i*) — cxix. 76, 77.

(*g*) — xvii. 14.

(*j*) St. Luke xxii. 42.

(*k*) Acts i. 7.

things work together for good to them that love him (*l*). *Therefore I will rest in the Lord; and wait patiently for him*(*m*), for it is *his* hand that hath wrought this(*n*). Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in thy sight(*o*).

PRAYER IN LONG-CONTINUED AND PAINFUL SICKNESS.

All the days of my appointed time will I wait till my change come. Job xiv. 14.

O LORD, how long shall I cry, and thou wilt not hear! even cry unto thee out of violence, and thou wilt not

(*l*) Rom. viii. 28.

(*n*) Job xii. 9.

(*m*) Psalm xxxvii. 7.

(*o*) St. Mat. xi. 26.

save(*a*)! O my God, I cry in the day-time, but thou hearest not, and in the night season, and am not silent(*b*). Thou hast covered thyself with a cloud, that my prayer should not pass through(*c*). O that I knew where I might find *thee*! that I might come even to *thy* seat! I would order my cause before *thee*, and fill my mouth with arguments(*d*). I would say unto *thee*, "Do not condemn me: shew me wherefore thou contendest with me(*e*). *Hast thou* forgotten to be gracious? Is thy mercy clean gone for ever(*f*)? Wilt thou break a leaf driven to and fro? and wilt thou pursue the dry stubble(*g*)?" Lord, bow down thine

(a) Hab. i. 2.

(d) Job xxiii. 3, 4.

(b) Psalm xxii. 2.

(e) — x. 2.

(c) Lam. iii. 44.

(f) Psalm lxxvii. 9, 8.

(g) Job xiii. 25.

ear and hear: open, Lord, thine eyes, and see(*h*) if there be any sorrow like unto my sorrow, wherewith *thou hast* afflicted me in *thy* fierce anger(*i*). My pain is perpetual, and my wound incurable(*j*): I am made to possess months of vanity, and wearisome nights are appointed to me(*k*). O Lord, though *mine* iniquities testify against *me*(*l*), *let not* my punishment *be* greater than I can bear(*m*). O Lord, my strength and my fortress, and my refuge in the day of affliction(*n*), be not a terror to me: thou art my hope in the day of evil(*o*). O be gracious unto *me*, for *I* have waited for thee(*p*): *thou art*

(*h*) 11. Kings xix. 16. (*l*) Jer. xiv. 7.

(*i*) Lam. i. 12. (*m*) Gen. iv. 13.

(*j*) Jer. xv. 18. (*n*) Jer. xvi. 19.

(*k*) Job vii. 3. (*o*) — xvii. 17.

(*p*) Isaiah xxxiii. 2.

rich in mercy(*q*); turn not away my prayer, nor *thy* mercy from me(*r*). Remember me, O my God, for good(*s*); and supply all *my* need according to thy riches in glory, by Christ Jesus (*t*).

PRAYER FOR PRESERVATION IN A TIME
OF PERIL.

*The Lord shall deliver thee in six troubles;
yea, in seven there shall no evil touch thee.
In famine he shall redeem thee from death:
and in war from the power of the sword.*
Job v. 19, 20.

Bow down thine ear, O Lord; hear me, for I am poor and needy(*a*). Let

(*q*) Eph. ii. 4. (*s*) Neh. xiii. 31.

(*r*) Psalm lxvi. 20. (*t*) Col. iv. 19.

(*a*) Psalm lxxxvi. 1.

my prayer be unto thee, O Lord, in an acceptable time: in the multitude of thy mercy hear me; in the truth of thy salvation(*b*). Help *me*, O Lord *my* God, for *I* rest on thee(*c*), and the day of trouble is near(*d*). Through thee have I been holden up ever since I was born(*e*); leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation(*f*): be *thou* my guide, even unto death(*g*).

O Lord, remember me, I pray thee, and strengthen me, I pray thee(*h*): strengthen *me* upon the bed of languishing, make all *my* bed in *my* sickness(*i*). Unto thee belong the issues from death(*j*): *thou art our* life and

(*b*) Psalm lxi. 13. (*f*) Psalm 27. 9.

(*c*) II. Chron. xiv. 11. (*g*) ——— xlviii. 14.

(*d*) Ezek. vii. 7. (*h*) Judges vii. 7.

(*e*) Psalm lxxi. 1. (*i*) Psalm xli. 3.

(*j*) Psalm lxxviii. 20.

the length of our days(*k*). My times are in thy hand(*l*); O bring thou me out of my distresses(*m*).

Lord, look down from heaven, and behold from the habitation of thy holiness and thy glory(*n*). O look upon mine affliction and my pain, and forgive all my sins(*o*). O my God, take me not away in the midst of my days(*p*): spare me, that I may recover my strength, before I go hence, and be no more seen(*q*). Nevertheless, not as I will, but as thou wilt: thy will be done(*r*).

Now the God of patience and consolation grant(*s*) that in patience I

(*k*) Dent. xxx. 20. (*o*) Psalm xxv. 18.

(*l*) Psalm xxxi. 15, (*p*) — cii. 24.

(*m*) — xxv. 17. (*q*) — xxxix. 13.

(*n*) Isaiah lxiii. 15. (*r*) St. Mat. xxvi. 39, 42.

(*s*) Romans xv. 5.

may possess my soul(*t*): that whether *I* live, *I may* live unto the Lord; and, whether *I* die, *I may* die unto the Lord; that whether *I* live, therefore, or die, *I* may be the Lord's(*u*), through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus(*v*), to whom be glory and dominion, for ever and ever. Amen(*w*).

PRAYER IN A TIME OF PERSECUTION
AND CALUMNY.

*Rejoice not against me, O mine enemy: when
I fall, I shall arise; when I sit in dark-
ness, the Lord shall be a light unto me.
Micah vii. 8.*

HEAR the right, O Lord, attend unto

(*t*) St. Luke xxi. 19. (*v*) Romans iii. 24.

(*u*) Romans xiv. 8. (*w*) 1. Pet. v. 11.

my cry; give ear unto my prayer that goeth not out of feigned lips (*a*). O Lord, my God, in thee do I put my trust: save me from all them that persecute me, and deliver me (*b*). Plead my cause, O Lord, with them that strive with me (*c*): deliver me out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem me out of the hand of the terrible (*d*). For the mouth of the wicked, and the mouth of the deceitful are opened against me: they have spoken against me with a lying tongue: they have compassed me about also with words of hatred; and fought against me without a cause (*e*). O Lord my God, if I have done this; if there be *such* iniquity in my hands; let the enemy

(*a*) Psalm xvii. 1.

(*c*) Psalm xxxv. 1.

(*b*) ——— vii. 1.

(*d*) Jer. xv. 21.

(*e*) Psalm cix. 2, 3.

persecute my soul and take it; yea, let him tread down my life upon the earth, and lay mine honour in the dust (*f*). O Lord, I am oppressed; undertake for me (*g*); unto *thee do* I commit my cause (*h*). Let my sentence come forth from thy presence; let thine eyes behold the things that are equal (*i*): let *me* fall into the hand of the Lord, for his mercies are great, and let me not fall into the hand of man (*j*). He will plead my cause, and execute judgment for me: he will bring me forth to the light, and I shall behold his righteousness (*k*); *for* my defence is of *him* who saveth the upright in heart (*l*). *I will* commit *my* way unto *him*; *I will* trust

(*f*) Psalm vii. 3, 5.

(*i*) Psalm xvii. 2.

(*g*) Isaiah xxxviii 14.

(*j*) 11. Sam. xxiv. 14.

(*h*) Job v. 8.

(*k*) Micah vii. 9.

(*l*) Psalm vii. 10.

in him, and he shall bring it to pass (*m*);
for the eternal God is my refuge,
and underneath are the everlasting
arms (*n*), so that I may boldly say,
“The Lord is my helper; I will not
fear what man shall do unto me (*o*).”

PRAYER FOR FAITH.

With the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. Romans x. 10.

O LORD of Hosts, God of Israel, thou art the God, even thou alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth (*a*)! Without faith it is impossible to please thee: for he that cometh to God must

(*m*) Psalm xxxvii. 5.

(*o*) Heb. xiii. 6.

(*n*) Deut. xxxiii. 27.

(*a*) Isaiah xxxvii. 16.

believe that he is, and that he is the rewarder of them that diligently seek him (*b*). Lord, increase *my* faith (*c*): *that faith which has its fruits* unto holiness, and the end everlasting life (*d*). Stablish, strengthen, settle *me* (*e*), lest there be in *me* an evil heart of unbelief in departing from thee, the living God (*f*). Help thou mine unbelief (*g*), *that I may* hold fast the profession of *my* faith without wavering (*h*), *and may* know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent (*i*); yea, and *may* count all things but loss, for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus, my Lord (*j*).

(*b*) Heb. xi. 6.

(*f*) Heb. iii. 12.

(*c*) St. Luke. xvii. 5.

(*g*) St. Mark ix. 24.

(*d*) Rom. vi. 22.

(*h*) Heb. x. 23.

(*e*) 1. Pet. v. 10.

(*i*) St. John. xvii. 3.

(*j*) Phil. iii. 8.

And now, O God, the God of hope, fill me with all joy and peace in believing, that I may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost (k); looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of my faith (l), and being justified freely by thy grace (m); to whom be praise and dominion, for ever and ever. Amen (n).

PRAYER FOR GRACE.

By grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God.
Eph. ii. 8.

THOU, Lord, who knowest the hearts

(k) Rom. xv. 3.

(m) Rom. iii. 24.

(l) Heb. xii. 2.

(n) 1. Pet. iv. 11.

of all men(*a*), and understandest all the imaginations of the thoughts(*b*); *who knowest* that the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth(*c*), deceitful above all things and desperately wicked(*d*): give *me* a new heart, and put a new spirit within *me*: take away the stony heart out of my flesh, and give *me* a heart of flesh(*e*). Suffer *me* not to be tempted above that *I* am able to bear; but with the temptation also make a way to escape(*f*). *Lord*, thy grace is sufficient for me(*g*): thou givest grace unto the lowly(*h*), the humble person *thou wilt save*(*i*): and no good thing *wilt thou* withhold from

(a) Ac's i. 24.

(e) Ezek. xxxvi. 26.

(b) 1. Chron. xxviii. 9.

(f) 1. Cor. x. 13.

(c) Gen. viii. 21.

(g) 11. Cor. xii. 9.

(d) Jer. xvii. 9.

(h) Prov. iii. 34.

(i) Job. xxii. 29.

them that walk uprightly (*j*). *O make me to walk in thy fear, and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost* (*k*); *laying aside every weight, and the sin that doth so easily beset me* (*l*). Every good gift and every perfect gift cometh down from *thee*, the Father of lights (*m*): *thou art* able to make all grace abound toward me (*n*); *to strengthen me with all might, according to thy glorious power* (*o*), and to cleanse me from all unrighteousness, through the blood of Jesus Christ thy Son (*p*), and the sanctification of the Spirit (*q*).

Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the

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| (<i>j</i>) Psalm lxxxiv. 11. | (<i>n</i>) 11. Cor. ix. 8. |
| (<i>k</i>) Acts ix. 31. | (<i>o</i>) Col. i. 11. |
| (<i>l</i>) Heb. xii. 1. | (<i>p</i>) 1. John i. 9. |
| (<i>m</i>) James. i. 17. | (<i>q</i>) 11. Thes. ii. 13. |

power that worketh in us, unto him be glory by Christ Jesus, throughout all ages, world without end. Amen (*r*).

PRAYER FOR A CHRISTIAN TEMPER.

Perfecting holiness in the fear of God. 11. Cor.

vii. 1.

O THOU, who spake as never man spake (*a*), and who gave us a new commandment, that we should love one another (*b*), even our enemies, that we should bless them that curse us, do good to them that hate us, and pray for them that despitefully use us, and persecute us (*c*), shed thy love abroad in my

(*r*) Eph. iii. 20, 21.

(*b*) St. John xiii. 34.

(*a*) St. John vii. 46.

(*c*) St. Mat. v. 44.

heart (*d*), *that I may* follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness (*e*); *that I may be* forbearing and forgiving (*f*); kind and tenderhearted (*g*); pitiful and courteous; not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing, but, contrariwise, blessing (*h*); endeavouring to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace (*i*), *and adorning* the doctrine of *thee, my Saviour*, in all things (*j*).

And grant that, above all things, *I* may put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness; and humbleness of mind (*k*); not to think of *myself* more highly than *I* ought to think, but

(*d*) Rom. v. 5.

(*e*) 1. Tim vi. 11.

(*f*) Col. iii. 12.

(*g*) Eph. iv. 32.

(*h*) 1. Pet iii. 8, 9.

(*i*) Eph. iv. 3.

(*j*) Titus ii. 10.

(*k*) Col. iii. 14, 12.

to think soberly (*l*), *esteeming* others better than *myself* (*m*); nor *trusting* in uncertain riches, but in the living God; *being* rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate (*n*), and *learning* in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content (*o*). Finally, whatsoever things are true, honest, just, pure, lovely, and of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, *grant that I may* think on, and *practise* these things (*p*).

(*l*) Rom. xii. 3.

(*n*) 1. Tim. vi. 17, 18.

(*m*) Phil. ii. 3.

(*o*) Phil. iv. 11.

(*p*) Phil. iv. 8.

TRUST IN GOD.

They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; they shall walk, and not faint.
Isaiah xl. 31.

PRESERVE me, O God, for in thee do I put my trust. O my soul, thou hast said unto the Lord: "Thou art my God(*a*): *thou art* my portion, therefore will I hope in *thee*: *thou art* good unto them that wait for *thee*, to the soul that seeketh *thee*(*b*)."
My soul, wait thou only upon God, for my expectation is from him(*c*). It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man: it is better to trust in

(*a*) Psalm xvi. 1, 2. (*b*) Lam. iii. 24, 25.

(*c*) Psalm lxii. 5.

the Lord than to put confidence in princes(*d*). He is the Rock, his work is perfect, for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he(*e*).

I know, *O Lord*, that thou canst do every thing(*f*): it is nothing with thee to help, whether with many, or with them that have no power(*g*): *thine* hand is not shortened that it cannot save, neither *is thine* ear heavy that it cannot hear(*h*). *Therefore* will I not be afraid for the terror by night, nor for the arrow that flieth by day; nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness, nor for the destruction that wasteth at noon day(*i*): yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow

(*d*) Psalm cxviii. 8, 9. (*g*) 11. Chron. xiv. 11.

(*e*) Dent. xxxii. 4.

(*h*) Isaiah lix. 1.

(*f*) Job xlii. 2.

(*i*) Psalm xci. 5, 6.

of death, I will fear no evil, for thou art with me(*j*).

The Lord is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble, and he knoweth them that trust in him(*k*). The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the Lord is the strength of my life, of whom shall I be afraid(*l*)? Although the fig-tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; the labour of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls, yet will I rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation(*m*). Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting. Amen and Amen(*n*).

(*j*) Psalm xxiii. 4.

(*l*) Psalm xxvii. 1.

(*k*) Nahum i. 7.

(*m*) Hab. iii. 17.

(*n*) Psalm xli. 13.

PART II.

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING.

PRAISE OF THE CREATOR.

*Thus saith the Lord, the Holy One of Israel,
and his Maker, "I have made the earth,
and created man upon it; I, even my hands,
have stretched out the heavens, and all their
host have I commanded. Isaiah, xlv. 11, 12.*

THOU, whose name alone is JEHOVAH,
art the most high over all the earth (a).
Thou, even thou, art Lord alone: thou
hast made heaven, the heaven of hea-
vens, with all their host, the earth,

(a) Psalm lxxxiii. 18.

and all things that are therein, and thou preservest them all; and the host of heaven worshippeth thee (*b*). When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars which thou hast ordained; what is man, that thou art mindful of him, and the son of man that thou visitest him (*c*)? *Thou didst* create him in thine own image (*d*), *making* him a little lower than the angels (*e*), and *gavest* him dominion over all the earth, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth (*f*).

The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handy work (*g*): *for* by the breath of the Lord were the heavens made, and

(*b*) Nehem. ix. 7.

(*e*) Psalm viii. 5.

(*c*) Psalm viii. 3, 4.

(*f*) Gen. i. 26, 28.

(*d*) Gen. i. 27.

(*g*) Psalm xix. 1.

all the hosts of them by the breath of his mouth. Let all the earth fear the Lord: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him: for he spake and it was done; he commanded and it stood fast (*h*).

All thy works shall praise thee, O Lord; and thy saints shall bless thee: they shall speak of the glory of thy kingdom, and talk of thy power (*i*): *for* great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty (*j*): *and* worthy art thou, O Lord, to receive glory, and honour, and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created (*k*).

(*h*) Psalm xxxiii. 6, 8, 9. (*j*) Rev. xv. 3.

(*i*) — cxlv. 10, 11. (*k*) — iv. 11.

PRAISE OF THE REDEEMER.

*I know thee who thou art; the Holy One of
God. St. Luke, iv. 34.*

O LORD, Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, and to-day, and for ever(*a*); Wonderful Counsellor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace(*b*), thy name is from everlasting(*c*), **THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS** (*d*). *Thou art* just, and having salvation(*e*), in thy love and in thy pity *thou didst* redeem us(*f*); *thou hast* borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: *wast* stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted: *thou*

(*a*) Heb xiii. 8.

(*d*) Jer. xxvi. 6.

(*b*) Isaiah ix. 6.

(*e*) Ezch. ix. 9.

(*c*) ——— lxiii. 16.

(*f*) Isaiah lxiii. 9.

wast wounded for our transgressions ;
wast bruised for our iniquities: the
 chastisement of our peace was upon
thee; and with *thy* stripes we are heal-
 ed(*g*). Thou wast slain, and hast re-
 deemed us to God by thy blood(*h*);
 thou hast ascended on high, thou hast
 led captivity captive(*i*), *and art* set
 down at the right hand of the Ma-
 jesty on high (*j*), where *thou* ever *livest*
 to make intercession for us (*k*). Of a
 truth thou art the Son of God(*l*), a
 Prince and a Saviour(*m*); KING OF
 KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS (*n*).
Therefore I will extol thee, my God,
 O King; and I will bless thy name
 for ever and ever: every day will I

(g) Isaiah liii. 4, 5.

(k) Heb. vii. 25.

(h) Rev. v. 9.

(l) St. Mat. xiv. 9.

(i) Psalm lxxviii. 18.

(m) Acts v. 31.

(j) Heb. i. 3.

(n) Rev. xix. 16.

· bless thee, and I will praise thy name
· for ever and ever (*o*). Hosanna in the
· highest (*p*). Worthy is the Lamb that
· was slain to receive power, and riches,
· and wisdom, and strength, and ho-
· nour, and glory, and blessing. And
· every creature which is in heaven, and
· on the earth, *shall say*, Blessing, and
· honour, and glory, and power, be unto
· Him that sitteth upon the throne, and
· unto the Lamb, for ever and ever (*q*.)

PRAISE OF THE SANCTIFIER.

It is the Spirit that quickeneth. St. John
vi. 63.

O THOU, the Holy Ghost, the Com-

(*o*) Psalm cxlv. 1. 2. (*p*) St. Mat, xxii. 9.

(*q*) Rev. v. 12, 13.

forter(*a*), the Spirit of God, *which*, in the beginning, moved upon the face of the waters(*b*); *thou* art the Spirit of Truth, which proceedeth from the Father(*c*), *and* dwelleth in us(*d*). By *thee* holy men of God spake as they were moved(*e*); for the entrance of thy words giveth life(*f*), and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth understanding(*g*). *Thou searchest* all things, yea, the deep things of God, *and revealest* them unto us(*h*). *It is thou* which *teachest us* to profit, which *ledest us* by the way that we should go(*i*), *which sanctifiest* the Lord God in our hearts(*j*), *and makest* interces-

(a) St. John xiv. 26.

(b) Gen. i. 1, 2.

(c) St. John xv. 26.

(d) 1. Cor. iii. 16.

(e) 11. Peter i. 21.

(f) Psalm cxix. 130.

(g) Job xxxii. 8.

(h) 1. Cor. iii. 10.

(i) Isaiah xlviii. 17.

(j) 1. Pet. iii 15.

sion for us, with groanings which cannot be uttered(*k*). Lord, thou hearest the desire of the humble, thou wilt prepare their heart(*l*). *O* quicken me in thy righteousness(*m*). *I will offer unto thee* the sacrifice of praise continually; that is, the fruit of *my* lips, giving thanks to thy name(*n*). For by the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and by the Spirit of God, we are sanctified, *and* justified(*o*), and sealed unto the day of redemption(*p*). Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift(*q*).

(*k*) Rom. viii. 26.

(*n*) Heb. xiii. 15.

(*l*) Psalm x. 17.

(*o*) 1. Cor. vi. 11.

(*m*) — cxix. 40.

(*p*) Eph. iv. 30.

(*q*) 11. Cor. ix. 15.

PRAISE OF THE GREATNESS OF GOD.

Who is so great a God as our God? Psalm
lxxvii. 15.

O LORD my God, thou art very great;
thou art clothed with honour and ma-
jesty (a). Heaven is thy throne, and
the earth thy footstool (b). *Thou cover-*
est thyself with light as with a gar-
ment; thou stretchest out the heavens
like a curtain; thou layest the beams
of thy chambers in the waters; thou
makest the clouds thy chariot, thou
walkest upon the wings of the wind (c).
Thy way is in the sea, and thy path
in the great waters; and thy footsteps
are not known (d). How great are *thy*

(a) Psalm civ. 1.

(c) Psalm civ. 2, 3.

(b) Isaiah lxvi. 1.

(d) — lxxvii. 19.

signs! how mighty are *thy* wonders! *thy* kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and *thy* dominion is from generation to generation(*e*).

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable(*f*). For lo! he that formeth the mountains, and createth the wind, and declareth unto man what is his thought; that maketh the morning darkness, and treadeth upon the high places of the earth, the Lord, the God of Hosts, is his name(*g*).

Wherefore thou art great, O Lord God, for there is none like thee, neither is there any God beside thee(*h*)! Thine is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty! for all that is in the hea-

(*e*) Dan. iv. 3.

(*g*) Amos iv. 13.

(*f*) Psalm cix. 3.

(*h*) 11. Sam. vii. 22.

ven and in the earth is thine. Thine is the kingdom, O Lord, and thou art exalted as head above all. Both riches and honour come of thee, and thou reignest over all, and in thine hand is power and might, and in thine hand it is to make great, and to give strength unto all (*i*). Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto *thee*, O God, for ever and ever. Amen (*j*).

PRAISE OF THE POWER OF GOD.

Power belongeth unto God. Psalm lxii. 11.

O LORD God Almighty (*a*), great in

(*i*) 1. Chron. xxix. 11, 12. (*j*) Rev. vii. 12.

(*a*) Rev. xi. 17.

counsel, and mighty in work(*b*), art not thou God in heaven? and rulest not thou over all the kingdoms of the earth? and in thine hand is there not power and might, so that none is able to withstand thee(*c*)? Who is like unto thee, O Lord; who is like thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders(*d*)? Is there any thing too hard for thee(*e*)?

The Lord is great in power: he hath his way in the whirlwind and in the storm, and the clouds are the dust of his feet. He rebuketh the sea, and maketh it dry, and drieth up the rivers. The mountains quake at him, and the hills melt, and the earth is burned at his presence(*f*). *He* commandeth

(*b*) Jer. xxxii. 19. (*d*) Exod. xv. 11.

(*c*) II. Chron. xx 6. (*e*) Jer: xxxii. 27.

(*f*) Nah. i. 3, 4, 5.

the sun and it riseth not, and he seal-
 eth up the stars(*g*). He hath shut up
 the sea with doors, and said, "Hitherto
 shalt thou come, but no further; and
 here shall thy proud waves be stay-
 ed(*h*)". Who can stand before his in-
 dignation? and who can abide in the
 fierceness of his anger? His fury is
 poured out like fire, and the rocks are
 thrown down by him(*i*). Behold the
 nations are as the drop of a bucket,
 and are counted as the small dust of the
 balance: he taketh up the isles as a very
 little thing. All nations before him
 are as nothing, and they are counted
 to him less than nothing, and vanity(*j*).
 Who is he that saith, and it cometh
 to pass, when the Lord commandeth

(*g*) Job. ix. 7.(*i*) Nah. i. 6.(*h*) — xxxviii. 8, 11. (*j*) Isaiah xl. 15, 17.

it not(*k*)? for he doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth, and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, "What doest thou(*l*)?"

Blessed be *thou*, Lord God, who only doeth wondrous things. And blessed be thy glorious name, for ever and ever: and let the whole earth be filled with thy glory. Amen and Amen(*m*). Salvation, and honour, and power, unto the Lord our God. Allelulia! for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth(*n*).

(*k*) Lam. iii. 37.

(*m*) 11. Sam. vii. 22.

(*l*) Dan. iv. 35.

(*n*) Rev. xix. 1, 6.

PRAISE OF THE ETERNITY OF GOD.

Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever.

Psalm xlv. 6.

O LORD, my God, mine Holy One, thou art from everlasting(*a*). Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God(*b*). Thou, O Lord, remainest for ever; thy throne from generation to generation(*c*). Of old hast thou laid the foundations of the earth, and the heavens are the work of thine hands: they shall perish, but thou shalt endure: yea, all of them shall wax old as a garment; as a ves-

(*a*) Hab. i. 12.

(*b*) Psalm xc. 2.

(*c*) Lam. v. 19.

ture shalt thou change them, and they shall be changed: but thou art the same, and thy years shall have no end(*d*). Thou art the first, and the last; and beside thee there is no God(*e*).

Lord, what is man, that thou takest knowledge of him! or the son of man, that thou makest account of him! Man is like to vanity: his days are as a shadow, that passeth away(*f*); yet thou carest for him(*g*), saying, "Fear not, thou worm! I will help thee, and thou shalt rejoice in the Lord, and shalt glory in the Holy One of Israel(*h*)," for in the Lord JEHOVAH is everlasting strength(*i*). *Thou hast* brought life and immortality to light through

(*d*) Psalm cii. 24, 25, 26, (*f*) Psalm cxliv. 3, 4.

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(*g*) 1. Pet. v. 7.

(*e*) Isaiah xliv. 6.

(*h*) Isaiah xli. 14, 16.

(*i*) Isaiah xxvi. 4.

the Gospel, by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ(*j*), who *will* change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body(*k*), and *will make* us Kings and Priests unto *thee* (*l*), and *we* shall reign with him for ever and ever(*m*).

Now unto *thee*, the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory, for ever and ever. Amen(*n*).

(*j*) 11. Tim. i. 9.

(*l*) Rev. v. 10.

(*k*) Phil. iii. 21.

(*m*) ——— xxii. 3.

(*n*) 1. Tim. i. 17.

PRAISE OF THE WISDOM OF GOD.

*The foolishness of God is wiser than men ;
Rom. i. 25: and the wisdom of this world
is foolishness with God. Rom. iii. 19.*

BLESSED be *thy* name, O God, for ever and ever, for wisdom and might are thine. *Thou givest* wisdom to the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding: *thou revealest* the deep and secret things: *thou knowest* what is in the darkness, and the light dwelleth with *thee(a)*. *Thou hast* made the earth by thy power, *thou hast* established the world by thy wisdom, and stretched out the heavens by thy discretion(*b*). *Thou art*

(a) Dan. ii. 20, 21, 22.

(b) Jer. x. 12.

wonderful in counsel, and excellent in working(c).

Then, Lord, art a God of knowledge, and by these actions are weighed(d): with thee is wisdom and strength; thou hast counsel and understanding(e); thou takest the wise in their own craftiness(f); and makest the devices of the people of none effect(g). O the depth both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out(h)! For who hath directed the Spirit of the Lord, or being his counsellor hath taught him? With whom took he counsel, and who instructed him, and taught him in the

(c) Isaiah. xxviii. 29.

(f) Job v. 13.

(d) 1. Sam. ii. 3.

(g) Psalm xxxiii. 10.

(e) Job xii. 13.

(h) Rom. xi. 33.

path of judgment, and showed to him the way of understanding (i)?

God of our Lord Jesus Christ, Father of glory, give unto *me* the spirit of wisdom in the knowledge of thee! Enlighten the eyes of *my* understanding (j), that I may know how to refuse the evil and choose the good (k); for there is no wisdom, nor understanding, nor counsel, against *thee* (l): *thou* searchest all hearts (m), thou knowest our imaginations that we go about (n), and the things that come into our minds, every one of them (o). Now to God, only wise, be glory, through Jesus Christ, for ever. Amen (p).

(i) Isaiah xl. 13, 14. (m) 1. Chron. xxviii. 9.

(j) Eph. i. 16. (n) Deut. xxxi. 21.

(k) Isaiah vii. 15. (o) Ezek. xi. 5.

(l) Prov. xxi. 30. (p) Rom. xvi. xxvii.

PRAISE OF THE OMNIPRESENCE OF GOD.

*Do not I fill heaven and earth, saith the
Lord? Jer. xxiii. 24.*

O LORD, thou hast searched me, and known me; thou knowest my down sitting and mine up rising; thou understandest my thought afar off. Thou compassedst my path, and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways. Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence? If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there! if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there! If I take the wings of the mornings, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

even there shall thine hand lead me,
and thy right hand shall hold me(*a*)!

Behold, heaven, and the heaven of
heavens, cannot contain thee(*b*). Thine
eyes are in every place(*c*), *they* are
open upon all the ways of the sons
of men(*d*), and no thought can be
withholden from thee (*e*). Secret
things belong unto thee, O Lord (*f*),
If I sin, then thou markest me, and
there is none that can deliver out of
thine hand(*g*); for *thou* wilt bring
every work into judgment, with every
secret thing, whether it be good, or
whether it be evil(*h*).

Woe, *then*, unto them that seek to

(*a*) Psalm cxxxix. 1, 2, 3. (*d*) Jer. xxxii. 19.

7, 8, 9, 10. (*e*) Job xlii. 2.

(*b*) II. Chron. vi. 18. (*f*) Deut. xxix. 29.

(*c*) Prov. xv. 3. (*g*) Job x. 7, 14.

(*h*) Eccles. xii. 14.

hide their counsel from *thee*, and say,
“ Who seeth us(*i*)?” Behold, even
thou *seest* it, O Lord(*j*)! for there is
no darkness, nor shadow of death,
where the workers of iniquity may
hide themselves(*k*). Hell is naked
before *thee*, and destruction hath no
covering(*l*): how much more, then,
the hearts of the children of men(*m*)!

To *thee*, the only wise God, our Sa-
viour, be glory and majesty, dominion
and power, both now and for ever.
Amen(*n*).

(*i*) Isaiah xxix. 15.

(*l*) Job xxvi. 6.

(*j*) Jer. vii. 11.

(*m*) Prov. xv. 11.

(*k*) Job. xxxiv. 22.

(*n*) Jude — 25.

PRAISE OF THE HOLINESS OF GOD.

There is none holy as the Lord. 1. Sam. ii. 2.

HOLY, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty,
which was, and is, and is to come(*a*)!
Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and
glorify thy name? for thou only art
holy(*b*); thou only art righteous(*c*);
righteous in all thy ways, and holy in
all thy works(*d*). *Thy* law is per-
fect; thy command is pure(*e*); justice
and judgment are the habitation of thy
throne(*f*), and holiness becometh thine
house for ever(*g*).

Who is able to stand before *thee*, O
holy Lord God(*h*)! the high and lofty

(*a*) Rev. 4. 8.

(*e*) Psalm cxix. 7.

(*b*) — xv. 4.

(*f*) — lxxxix. 17.

(*c*) Ezra ix. 15.

(*g*) — xciii. 5.

(*d*) Psalm cxlv. 17.

(*h*) 1. Sam. vi. 20.

One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy(*i*)! Behold, even to the moon, and it shineth not: yea, the stars are not pure in *thy* sight: how much less man(*j*), *who* drinketh iniquity like water(*k*)! Shall not *thine* excellency make *me* afraid? and thy dread fall upon me(*l*)? *Shall I not* hide *me* in the dust, for fear of the Lord, and for the glory of his majesty(*m*)? *since*, without holiness, no man shall see the Lord(*n*).

Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean(*o*): *thou canst* clothe me with righteousness(*p*), and with the garments of salvation(*q*), and cast all my sins into the depths of the sea(*r*).

(*i*) Isaiah lvii. 15.

(*n*) Heb. xii. 14.

(*j*) Job. xxv. 5, 6.

(*o*) St. Mat. viii. 2.

(*k*) — xv. 16.

(*p*) Psalm cxxxii. 9.

(*l*) — xiii. 11.

(*q*) Isaiah lxi. 10.

(*m*) Isaiah ii. 10.

(*r*) Micah vii. 20.

Sing unto the Lord, O ye saints of his, and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness^(s). Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord^(t).

**PRAISE OF THE GOODNESS AND MERCY
OF GOD.**

*Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth me
with benefits. Psalm lxxviii. 19.*

BLESS the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits. Who forgiveth all thy sins; who healeth all thy diseases; who redeemeth thy life from

^(s) Psalm xxx. 4.

^(t) Psalm cl. 6.

destruction; who crowneth thee with loving kindness and tender mercies; ~~who~~ executeth righteousness and judgment for all that are oppressed(*a*).

The Lord is good to all, and his tender mercies are over all his works(*b*). He hath not dealt with us after our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities(*c*): for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil, and on the good; and sendeth rain on the just, and on the unjust(*d*). The Lord is merciful and gracious, long-suffering and abundant in goodness and truth, keeping mercy for thousands, and forgiving iniquity, and transgression, and sin(*e*). For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward

(*a*) Psalm cliii. 1, 2, 3, 4, 6. (*c*) Psalm ciii. 10.

(*b*) — cxlv. 9. (*d*) St. Mat. v. 45.

(*e*) Exod. xxxiv. 6, 7.

them that fear him: as far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us. Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear him(*f*): *he* exacteth less of *us* than our iniquity deserveth(*g*): he giveth unto all men liberally, and upbraideth not(*h*).

Bless the Lord, ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word. Bless ye the Lord, all ye his hosts; ye ministers of his that do his pleasure. Bless the Lord, all his works, in all places of his dominion: bless the Lord, O my soul(*i*).

(*f*) Psalm ciii. 11, 12, 13. (*h*) James i. 5.

(*g*) Job xi. 6.

(*i*) Psalm ciii. 20, 21, 22.

PRAISE OF THE PROVIDENCE OF GOD.

While the earth remaineth, seed-time and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night, shall not cease.
Gen. viii. 22.

O LORD, how manifold are thy works!
in wisdom hast thou made them all:
the earth is full of thy riches (*a*). Thou
crownest the year with thy goodness,
and thy paths drop fatness (*b*). *Thou*
coverest the heaven with clouds, and
preparest rain for the earth (*c*). Thou
causest the grass to grow for the cat-
tle, and herb for the service of man (*d*).
The eyes of all wait upon thee, and
thou givest them their meat in due
season: thou openest thine hand, and

(*a*) Psalm civ. 24.

(*c*) Psalm cxlvii. 8.

(*b*) ——— lxxv. 11.

(*d*) ——— civ. 14.

satisfiest the desire of every living thing(*e*). *Thou providest* for the ravens when they cry(*f*), and the young lions seek their meat from thee(*g*). Thou makest the day spring to know his place(*h*), and stretchest out the shadow of the evening(*i*). By *thy* breath frost is given: *thou thunderest* marvellously with *thy* voice: great things *doest thou* which we cannot comprehend(*j*). Fire and hail, snow and vapours, wind and storm, fulfil thy word(*k*).

Who is like unto the Lord our God, who dwelleth on high, who humbleth himself to behold the things that are in heaven, and in the earth(*l*)! The

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| (<i>e</i>) Psalm cxlv. 15, 16, | (<i>i</i>) Jer. vi. 4. |
| (<i>f</i>) Job xxxviii. 41. | (<i>j</i>) Job xxxvii. 10, 5. |
| (<i>g</i>) Psalm civ. 21. | (<i>k</i>) Psalm cxlviii. 8. |
| (<i>h</i>) Job xxxviii 12. | (<i>l</i>) ——— cxiii. 5, 6. |

Lord preserveth man and beast(*m*):
 before him not a sparrow is forgotten;
 and even the very hairs of our head
 are all numbered(*n*). He openeth the
 eyes of the blind, and raiseth up them
 that are bowed down(*o*). O that men
 would therefore praise the Lord for
 his goodness, and declare the wonders
 that he doeth for the children of men(*p*)!

My mouth shall speak *thy* praise, O
 Lord; and let all flesh bless *thy* holy
 name, for ever and ever(*q*).

(*m*) Psalm xxxvi. 6. (*o*) Psalm cxlvi. 8, 9.

(*n*) St. Luke xii. 6, 7. (*p*) ——— cvii. 8.

(*q*) Psalm cxlv. 21.

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING FOR SPIRITUAL MERCIES.

*Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven,
and whose sins are covered. Blessed is the
man to whom the Lord will not impute sin.*

Rom. iv. 7, 8.

O LORD, I will praise thee: though thou wast angry with me, thine anger is turned away, and thou comfortest me. I will trust, and not be afraid; for the Lord JEHOVAH is my strength and my song: he also is become my salvation(*a*). Thou art my God, and I will praise thee: thou art my God, and I will exalt thee(*b*). I called upon thy name, O Lord, thou *didst* hear my voice: thou drewest near,

(*a*) Isaiah xii. 1, 2.

(*b*) Psalm cxviii. 28.

thou saidst, "Fear not(*c*): for a small moment have I forsaken thee; but with great mercies will I gather thee: in a little wrath I hid my face from thee for a moment, but with everlasting kindness will I have mercy upon thee(*d*)."
 Who is a God like thee, that pardoneth iniquity, and passeth by transgression(*e*)? I acknowledged my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord, and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin(*f*).

In *thee*, O Lord, have I righteousness and strength(*g*): I had fainted, unless I had believed to see thy goodness in the land of the living(*h*). *Thou*

(*c*) Lam. iii. 55, 56, 57. (*f*) Psalm xxxii. 5.

(*d*) Isaiah liv. 7, 8. (*g*) Isaiah xlv. 24.

(*e*) Micah vii. 18. (*h*) Psalm xxvii. 13.

restorest my soul; *thou leadest* me in the paths of righteousness(*i*); *and givest* unto me exceeding great and precious promises(*j*). Thou hast put gladness in my heart(*k*); and in the multitude of my thoughts within me, thy comforts delight my soul(*l*). Thou *hast shewed* me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy: at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore(*m*). Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in Him(*n*).

(i) Psalm xxiii. 3.

(l) Psalm xciv. 19.

(j) II. Pet. i. 4.

(m) — xvi. 11.

(k) Psalm iv. 7.

(n) Eph. i. 3.



PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING FOR TEM-
PORAL MERCIES.

*The lot is fallen unto me in a fair ground;
yea, I have a goodly heritage. Psalm xvi. 6.*

O LORD, thou art my God; I will ex-
alt thee: I will praise thy name, for
thou hast done wonderful things (a).
I will worship toward thy holy temple,
and praise thy name for thy loving
kindness and thy truth (b). I am not
worthy of the least of all the mercies
which thou hast showed unto thy ser-
vant (c), for I am a sinful creature, O
Lord (d). But thou, O Lord, art the
lifter up of my head (e); thou prepar-
est a table for me; my cup runneth

(a) Isaiah xxv. i. (c) Gen. xxxii. 10.

(b) Psalm cxxxviii. 2. (d) St. Luke v. 8.

(e) Psalm iii. 3.

over (*f*): thou hast given me my heart's desire, and hast not withholden the request of my lips (*g*): *thou hast* made all things to prosper in *mine* hand (*h*). Now, therefore, *my* God, *I* thank thee, and praise thy glorious name (*i*): I will bless *thee* at all times: thy praise shall be continually in my mouth (*j*). I *will* lift up my hands unto the Lord, the most high God, the possessor of heaven and earth (*k*), and will magnify him with thanksgiving (*l*); *saying*, Blessed be the name of the Lord, from this time forth, and for evermore (*m*); for of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen (*n*).

(*f*) Psalm xxiii. 5.

(*j*) Psalm xxxiv, 1.

(*g*) — xxi. 2.

(*k*) Gen. xiv. 22.

(*h*) Gen. xxxix. 3.

(*l*) Psalm lxix. 30.

(*i*) 1. Chron. xxix. 13.

(*m*) — cxiii. 2

(*n*) Rom. xii. 36.

THANKSGIVING FOR RECOVERY FROM
SICKNESS.

*Weeping may endure for a night, but joy
cometh in the morning. Psalm xxx. 5.*

UNTO thee, O God, do *I* give thanks,
unto thee do *I* give thanks(*a*); *for*
thy servant hath found grace in thy
sight, and thou hast magnified thy
mercy which thou hast shewed unto
me, in saving my life(*b*). The waves
of death compassed me; but in my
distress I called upon the Lord, and
cried to my God: and he did hear my
voice out of his temple, and my cry
did enter into his ears(*c*): O Lord,

(*a*) Psalm lxxv. 1. (*b*) Gen. xix. 19.

(*c*) 11. Sam. ii. 5, 7.

my God, I cried unto thee, and thou hast healed me(*d*): thou hast brought up my life from corruption(*e*). *Thou hast* chastened me sore, but *hast* not given me over unto death. I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord(*f*). For the grave cannot praise thee, death cannot celebrate thee: they that go down into the pit cannot hope for thy truth. The living, the living, he shall praise thee as I do this day(*g*). I will sacrifice unto thee with the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay that I have vowed. Salvation is of the Lord(*h*). Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort(*i*); and blessed be his glori-

(*d*) Psalm xxx. 2.

(*g*) Isaiah xxxviii. 18, 19

(*e*) Jonah ii. 6.

(*h*) Jonah ii. 9.

(*f*) Psalm cxviii. 18, 17 (i) 11. Cor. i. 3.

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ous name, which is exalted above all blessing and praise(*f*).

**THANKSGIVING FOR DELIVERANCE FROM
DANGER.**

The Lord will keep the feet of his saints.

1. Sam. ii. 9.

My soul doth magnify *thee*, O Lord,
and my spirit rejoiceth in God my
Saviour(*a*): for thou hast delivered
my soul from death, mine eyes from
tears, and my feet from falling(*b*).
When my soul fainted within me, I
remembered the Lord, and my prayer
came in unto thee, into thine holy
temple(*c*). *Thou didst* answer me in

(*f*) Neh. ix. 5.

(*b*) Psalm cxvi. 8.

(*a*) St. Luke i. 46, 47, (c) Jonah ii. 7.

the day of my distress, and *wast* with me in the way which I went(*d*). O Lord, thou hast pleaded the cause of my soul: thou hast redeemed my life(*e*). Thou hast *shewed unto* thy servant thy greatness, and thy mighty hand: for what God is there in heaven or in earth, that can do according to thy works, and according to thy might(*f*).

Wherewith, then, shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before the high God(*g*)? And what thanks can I render to him(*h*), *for having saved my* life by *this* great deliverance(*i*)? I *will* bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ(*j*), giving thanks in *his* name(*k*); for he

(*d*) Gen. xxxv. 3.

(*e*) Lam. iii. 58.

(*f*) Deut. iii. 24.

(*g*) Micah vi. 6.

(*h*) 1. Thes. iii. 9.

(*i*) Gen. xlv. 7.

(*j*) Eph. iii. 14.

(*k*) — v. 20.

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is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my shield, and the horn of my salvation; my high tower, my refuge, and my Saviour (d).

FOR THE SABBATH.

Ye shall keep my Sabbaths, and reverence my sanctuary. Lev. xix. 30.

O LORD, our Governor, how excellent is thy name in all the world! thou that hast set thy glory above the heavens (a). This is the day which *thou hast* made; *I* will rejoice, and be glad in it (b). *I will* turn away *my* foot from doing *my* pleasure on *thy* holy day, and call the sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord,

(d) 11. Sam. xxii. 2, 3. (a) Psalm viii. 1.

(b) Psalm cxviii. 24.

honourable; and will honour *thee*, not doing *mine* own ways, nor finding *mine* own pleasure, nor speaking mine own words(*c*). *I will* enter into thy gates with thanksgiving, and into thy courts with praise(*d*): I will come into thy house in the multitude of thy mercy, and in thy fear will I worship towards thy holy temple(*e*). *I will* bow down and kneel before the Lord, my Maker(*f*): in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee(*g*); I will lift up my hands in thy name(*h*): I will pay my vows before them that fear thee(*i*).

But who am I, that *I* should be able to offer so willingly after this sort! for

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| (c) Isaiah lviii. 13. | (f) Psalm xcv. 6. |
| (d) Psalm c. 4. | (g) Heb. ii. 12. |
| (e) — v. 7. | (h) Psalm lxiii. 4. |
| (i) Psalm xxii. 25. | |

all things come of thee, and of thine own *must* we give thee(*j*). In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin thou hast no pleasure(*k*); but thou triest the heart, and hast pleasure in uprightness(*l*): *for although thou dwellest* in the high and holy place(*m*), yet is *thy* tabernacle with men, and *thou wilt* dwell with them(*n*); with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit(*o*).

Lord, I have loved the habitation of thy house, and the place where thine honour dwelleth(*p*): thy words are sweet unto my taste, yea, sweeter than honey unto my mouth! O how I love thy law! it is my meditation all the

(*j*) 1. Chron. xxix. 14. (*m*) Isaiah lvii. 15.

(*k*) Heb. x. 6. (*n*) Rev. xxi. 3.

(*l*) 1. Chron. xxix. 17. (*o*) Isaiah lvii. 15.

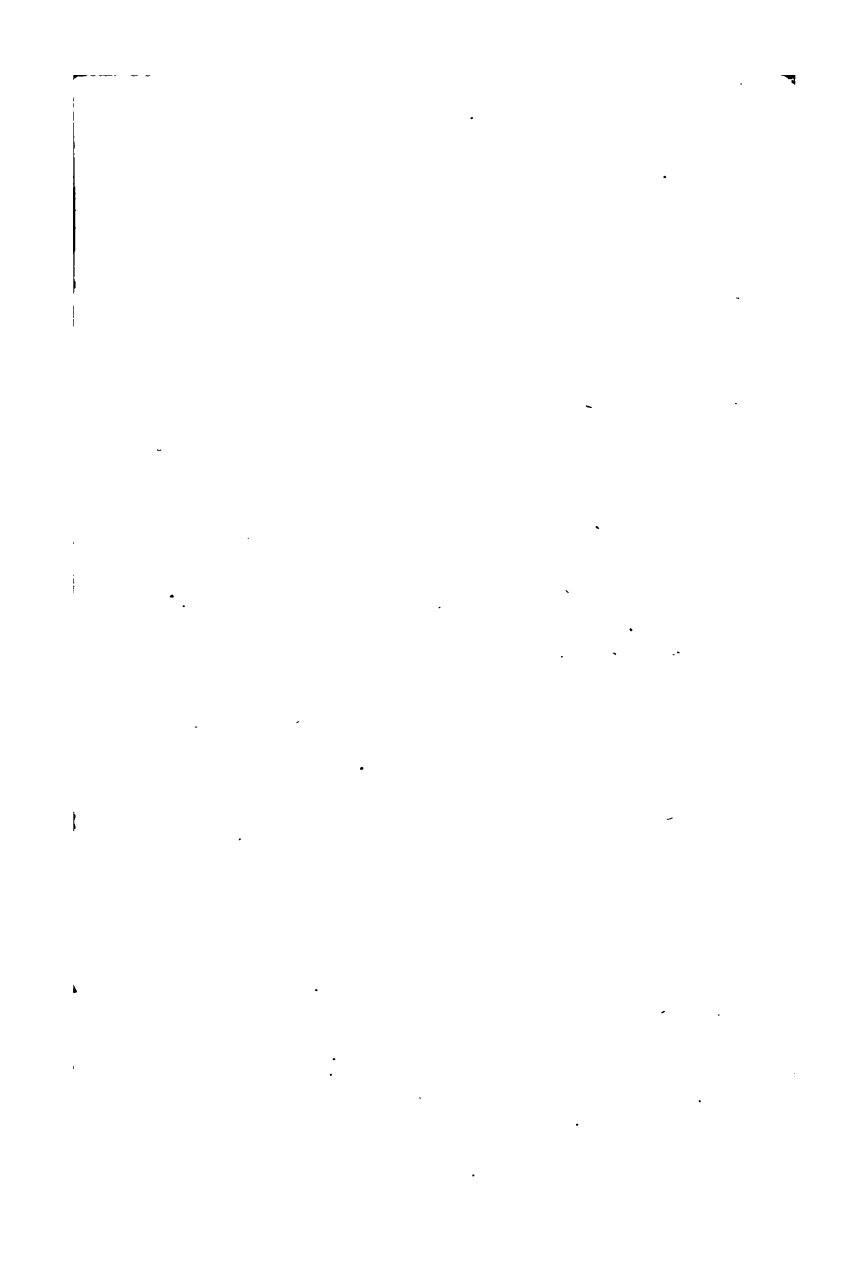
(*p*) Psalm xxvi. 8.

day: it is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

Accept, I beseech thee, the free-will offerings of my mouth, O Lord, and teach me thy judgments (*q*): so shall I come boldly unto the throne of grace, that I may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need (*r*).

(*q*) Psalm cxix. 103, 108. (*r*) Heb. iv. 16.

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